



DATE: NOV. 20, 2015

TEAM MEMBERS: N/A

ADVISOR: J. PUKKUNEN

OBJECTIVE: Reconstitute synthesized KERA and KERUS plasmids received from Biobasic, prepare for storage

PROTOCOL FOLLOWED:

- 1) Centrifuged the DNA tubes on lowest speed setting as directed, to get any DNA attached to walls.
- 2) Re-suspended 10 μ g of DNA in 100 μ L of autoclaved ddH₂O. Final [DNA] = 100 ng/ μ L. This was labeled as ORIGINAL KERA/KERUS stock tubes.
- 3) In new, sterile eppendorf tube, made a 1:10 dilution of original stock (10 μ L original DNA stock into 90 μ L ddH₂O). Labeled as DILUTE stock

Dec 3, 2015

Team members: T. D, N. S, ON

Advisor: J. P

Objective: Grow NEB and Top10 E. coli culture from plates in preparation of making comp. cells

- Use an inoculating loop to pick a single colony and add the bacteria to 5ml of LB broth (in 10ml tube). Grow over night at 37°C with shaking. Make sure the tube is capped loosely to allow air to enter the tube. We repeated this step 4 times in

Tube 1 \rightarrow NEB C #1

Tube 2 \rightarrow NEB C #2

Tube 3 \rightarrow Top10 C #1

Tube 4 \rightarrow Top10 C #2

Dec 4th, 2015

Team members: A. R. B. - 2015 11/15/15

Advisor: J.P

Objective: check Dec 3/15 cultures

Sub-culture comp. Cell line in preparation to make comp cells.

Tube 1 (NEB-b C#1) → Cloudy

Tube 2 (NEB-b C#2) → Cloudy

Tube 3 (Top 10 C#1) → Cloudy

Tube 4 (Top 10 C#2) → Cloudy

- Sub-culture of 0.1mL (100µl) of NEB10 C#1, and NEB10 C#2 into 10mL of LB broth

Time = 8:20am

Re-Planting:

onto LB-only agar Plates 50µL of culture

1-NEBb C#1 or plate 1

2-NEBb C#2 or plate 2

3-Top 10 C#1 or Plate 3

5) Brought plates to room temp

6) Plates as follows:

a) 200 μ L herA dilute on LB-Amp

b) 200 μ L herA full on LB-Amp

c) 20 μ L herA full on LB-Amp

d) 200 μ L herUS dilute on LB-Amp

e) 200 μ L herUS Full on LB-Amp

f) 20 μ L " " on " "

g) 200 μ L BFP on LB-only

h) 200 μ L \emptyset on LB-Amp

Next day results:

Note - Fun had been left on and many plates were very dry.

a) \rightarrow No cells evident
b) \rightarrow " " } herA transformation
c) \rightarrow " " } all unsuccessful

d) \rightarrow No cells evident
e) \rightarrow " " } herUS transformation
f) \rightarrow " " } unsuccessful

g) \rightarrow Cells evident, Not red } comp cells viable
h) \rightarrow NO growth, as expected } but transform
unsuccessful 5

Jan 12 / 2015

J. PUURUNEN

Sent Plasmid DNA to L. Oberding:

5 μ L KERA full (100 μ g/ μ L)

5 μ L KERUS full (100 μ g/ μ L)

5 μ L KERA dilute (1:10)

5 μ L KERUS dilute (1:10)

4-Top10 C#2 on Plate 4

Dec 4, 2015 - 11:30am

LAB Members:

Advisor: J.P

objective create comp. cell for immediate use.

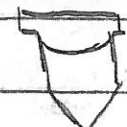
1. Removed sub-cultures from 8:30am OD600 spec results:

A) NEB-b C#1 \rightarrow OD600 = 0.521

B) NEB-b C#2 \rightarrow OD600 = 0.569

2. Transferred 500 μ L bacterial culture from NEB C#1 tube to each of 6 1.5 mL eppendorf tubes as show below:

Tube 1



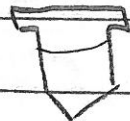
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Dilute

Tube 2



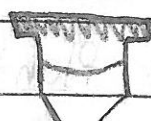
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Full

Tube 3



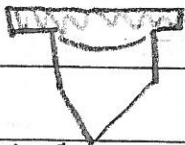
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Tube 4



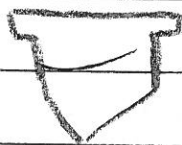
KEBUS
Full

Tube 5



REP 2015
Plate 3
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Tube 6



(-) Control

* Each tube received 500 μ L of NEBC#1 subculture

Spin each tube at 7000 rpm for 2-3 min

Discard supernatant * 50 mM - we used 100 mM

resuspend in 500 μ L CaCl_2 spin down again

resuspend in 100 μ L CaCl_2 place on ice

↳ Transform immediately

Transformation:

- 1) * added 5 μ L of DNA to each of the tubes
* "0" negative control tube got NO DNA
- 2) Incubated tubes on ice for 30 min
- 3) incubated at 37°C for 5 min Then Placed immediately on ice for 5 minutes
- 4) Added 200 μ L LB medium and mixed gently by tapping the tube. Incubated at 37°C for 1 hr and 40 min

5) Brought plates to room temp

6) Plates as follows:

- a) 200 μ L herA dilute on LB-Amp
- b) 200 μ L herA full on LB-Amp
- c) 20 μ L herA full on LB-Amp
- d) 200 μ L herUS dilute on LB-Amp
- e) 200 μ L herUS full on LB-Amp
- f) 20 μ L " " on " "
- g) 200 μ L RFP on LB-only
- h) 200 μ L \emptyset on LB-Amp

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JAN 14/15 - JP.

OBJECTIVE: Begin Competent Cell Protocol.

- ① Filled 3 falcon tubes (15mL) w 5mL sterile LB broth.
- ② Inoculated broth w single colony from 3 places:
 - NEB (NEB) - JM109 - Plate 1, C#1
 - " " Plate 1, C#2
 - " " Plate 2, C#1
- ③ Incubated @ 37°C w shaking for 20 hours.

Jan 15/16 - J.P. and Olivia N. - 8am.

- ① Placed 10mL sterile LB broth into a 15mL falcon tube - x 2 tubes.
 - ② Sub-cultured 0.1mL of overnight cultures
 - Plate 1, C#2 and
 - Plate 2, C#1
- Placed in 37°C w shaking, approx 3h.

RFP = Kit Plate 3, 2015 - P23.

Jan 15/16 - _____ am: JP + _____ + _____.

① Checked OD₆₀₀ on spec:

Plate 1, C#2 = 0.305

Plate 2, C#1 = 0.329

* Chose to use _____ for comp. cells.

② Transferred 500 μ L to a 1.5 mL eppendorf x 6 tube

- labels. {
- A) KERA full
 - B) KERA dilute
 - C) KER US full
 - D) KER US dilute.
 - E) RFP (+ control)
 - F) \emptyset (- control).

③ spun 6 tubes at 7000 rpm for 2 min.

Discarded supernatant.

④ Added 500 μ L CaCl_2 (50mM), re-suspended cells. Spun down again (2min, 7000 rpm), discarded supernatant.

⑤ Resuspend cells in 100 μ L sterile CaCl_2 (50mM) + place immediately on ice.

JAN 15/16: TRANSFORMATION PROTOCOL:

- ① Obtain 100 μ L competent cell aliquots, thawed on ice.
- ② Add 4 μ L of following plasmids to each tube
 - A) KERA full
 - B) KERA dilute
 - C) KERUS full
 - D) KERUS dilute
 - E) RFP - (+) control.
 - F) \emptyset (no plasmid added - (-) control)

} mix by gently flicking
- ③ Incubate on ice for 30 min
- ④ Incubate @ 42°C for 60s.
- ⑤ Ice for 5 mins
- ⑥ Add 200 μ L LB medium
- ⑦ Incubate @ 37°C for 1 hr. 5 min

Plating:

Plate 100 μ L of each onto their respective plates, spread w/ spreader

JAN 16-19th > NO GROWTH ON
ANY PLATES.

Date: Feb 5th 2016 - Making IPTG and Skim Milk Plates

① 100 mM IPTG

0.12g in 5mL Sterile distilled water. Dissolve and filter
Sterilize (using a 0.2 microliter filter). Store in aliquots at
-20°C

② 0.2 g/mL Skimmed Milk (Scaled up from Lisa 500mL of
agar instead of 100mL)

10g of dried Skimmed milk in 50mL of distilled water.
Dissolve and filter Sterilize. (Dissolve this stock in 500mL of agar)

③ LB Agar Plates

Weigh out and add the following into 1L glass bottle or
Erlenmeyer flask:

- 5.0g Tryptone
- 2.5g Yeast Extract
- 5.0g NaCl
- 7.5g Agar

Add distilled water to 500mL. The bottle must remain
half empty to prevent the liquid from boiling over into
the autoclave.

Mix by Swirling. Don't expect all solid powder to dissolve, but make sure that none gets stuck to the sides of the bottle.

Cover the top with aluminum foil and secure it with autoclave tape. The cover must be loose enough to prevent pressure from building inside the bottle during autoclaving.

Autoclave for 20 min at a pressure of 15 PSI

Remove from autoclave and allow it to cool to about 55°C

Now add the ampicillin, IPTG, and Skim milk stocks. Swirl to mix. It is important that the antibiotics are not added while liquid is still hot. Make sure everything is added aseptically. Use a sterile pipette tip and flame the bottle.

Add the following to LB broth

Stock:	Concentration:	Volume added:
Ampicillin	100 mg/mL	500 microliters
IPTG	100 mM	500 microliters
Skim Milk	0.2 g/mL	50 mL

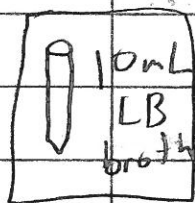
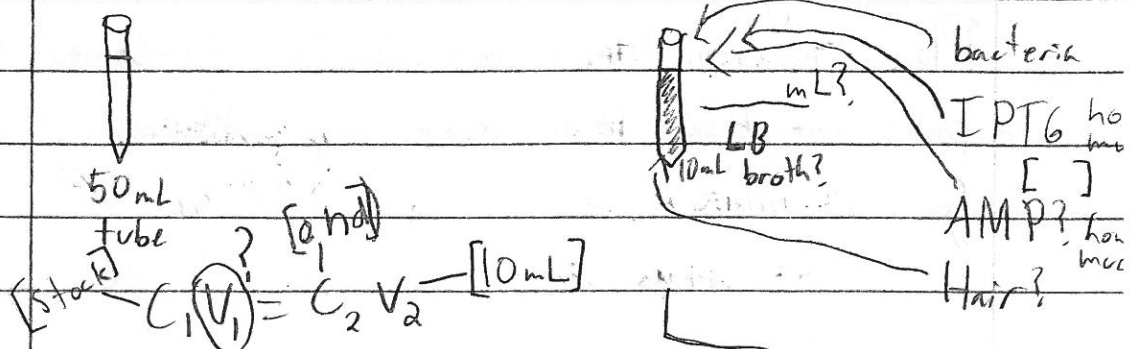
Pour or pipette about 20 mL LB agar to each petri dish. This must be done aseptically.

Make sure to flame the opening of the bottle and

pour slowly

Place lids on dishes and cool for 30-60 min. Store LB plates at 4°C inside plastic bags. Plates will be good for a month.

Feb 12 2016 Calculating amount of IPTG, AMP, and hair, and concentration of IPTG.



AMP

Stock Solution (freezer)

[100mg/mL]

normally, we use

5μL in 5mL

so 10μL into 10mL of LB

[IPTG Stock]

100mM

$$C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$$

$$(100 \text{ mM}) (V_1) = (0.5 \text{ mM}) (10 \text{ mL})$$

$$(V_1) = \frac{(0.5 \text{ mM}) (10 \text{ mL})}{(100 \text{ mM})}$$

$$(V_1) = 0.05 \text{ L}$$

$$= 50 \mu\text{L}$$

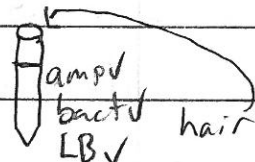
IPTG = Stock Solution [100mM]

AMP = [100]

Ideal IPTG $\Rightarrow 0.1 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ mL}$

experimental

Controlled



Feb. 23/16.

1) 5 mL LB Broth + 5 μ L AMP stock solution:

↳ KERA C#1

↳ KERA C#2

↳ KERUS C#1

↳ KERUS C#2

} no growth
for any tube.

2) 3 plates - iGEM ethanol stab. JM109

↳ plate 1

↳ plate 2

↳ plate 3

} all grew single colonies well.

Feb. 24-25, 2016

OBJECTIVES: Prepare competent cells and transform them with the following plasmids:



KERA
dilute



KERA
full



KERUS
dilute



KERUS
full



RFP
(+) control



(-) control

Feb 24th:

- ① Pluck single colonies of JM109 (Feb 22 plates) and inoculate 3 separate tubes containing 5mL LB-only sterile broth.
- ② Grow overnight w/ shaking @ 37°C.

→ note: had to ABORT this protocol due to a gas leak in the lab. Will Re-attempt soon.

MARCH 4/16 - F.P.

Objective:

MARCH 4th: J.P,

OBJECTIVE: Troubleshoot why transformed KERA + KERUS E. coli are not growing in LB-Amp culture

ATTEMPT #1:

SUCCESS

- Re-plating KERA plate 1 and KERUS Plate #2 by swiping $\frac{1}{4}$ of old plate w inoculation loop + Re-streaking new LB-Amp. plates.
- Incubating @ 37°C overnight.

ATTEMPT #2:

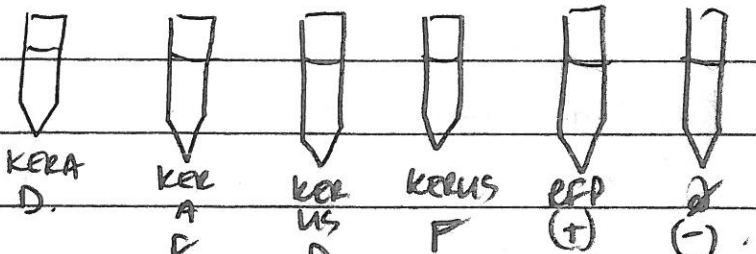
NO SUCCESS

- Try culturing in LB broth with 50% Ampicillin concentration.
- Culture a single colony into 5mL LB-broth + $2.5\mu\text{L}$ 100mg/mL Amp stock solution.
- Incubate overnight @ 37°C .

• MARCH 10-11, 2016

• OBJECTIVE Make Fresh Competent Cells and Re-Transform KERA and KERUS.

• TEAM MEMBERS: D. Nowlen, J. Puuminen

- ① Plucked Single colonies of JM109 (from Biobasic) and grew in 5mL LB-only broth overnight w/ shaking @ 37°C.
- ② 8:05am - Sub-cultured 100µL of overnight cells into 10mL LB-only broth. Grow @ 37°C w/ shaking for 3 h. (x2 cultures)
- ③ Check OD600 on each:
C#1 OD600 = 0.729.
C#2 OD600 = 0.709. used this.
- ④ Transfer 500µL of C#2 subculture into each of 6 1.5mL eppendorf tubes, labelled as:
TUBE 4


KERA D. KER A P KER US D KERUS P EFP (+) (-)

- ⑤ Spin each tube @ 7000 RPM for 3 min.
- ⑥ Discard supernatant, don't disturb pellet.
- ⑦ Resuspend pellet in 50 μ L sterile CaCl_2 (50mM).
- ⑧ Spin down again 2-3 min @ 7000 RPM, discard supernatant.
- ⑨ Resuspend all pellet in 100 μ L sterile CaCl_2 , place on ice. \rightarrow (Ready to transform!)
- ⑩ using a sterile pipette tip and add 4 μ L ligation mix to competent cells. Mix gently by flicking the tube. \rightarrow (Place on ice 30 min.)
- ⑪ Incubated @ 37°C for 5 min.
- ⑫ Immediately on ice for 5 min.
- ⑬ Add 200 μ L LB-medium + mix gently.
- ⑭ Incubate @ 37°C for 1.5 hours.

- ⑮ Plated 75 μ L of each transformation onto appropriate plate
(AMP - for (-) controls, KERA / KERUS)
(CHLOR - for (+) RFP control)

- ⑯ GROW OVERNIGHT @ 37°C.

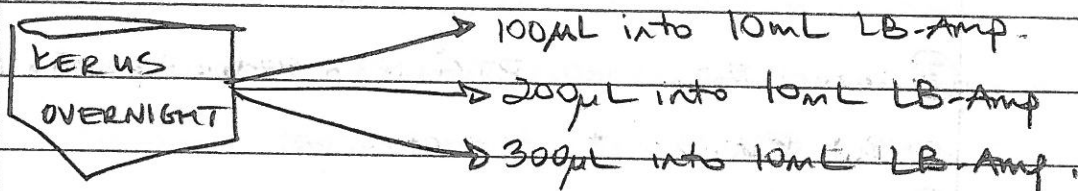
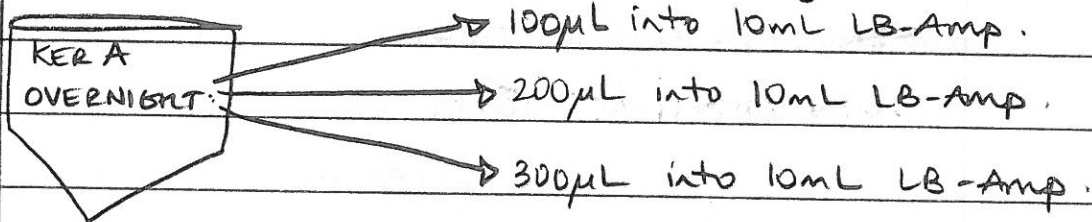
RESULTS:

- KERA DILUTE - several colonies - poorly plated
KERA FULL - no growth
KERUS DILUTE - several colonies - (20)
KERUS FULL - several colonies (≈ 40)
(+) RFP - no growth. (Chlor plate?)
(-) ~~X~~ - no growth.

MAR 18/16 - 7:50am - J. PUURUNEN.

OBJECTIVE: Sub-Culture KERA/KERUS cells, in prep for a quantitative hair digestion Test.

① SUB-CULTURE SET-UP: From 7:50-11:50am, sub-cultured the following from overnight cultures:



② @ 11:50am: OD600 Measurements:

- KERA 100 μ L sub culture OD600 = 0.961
- KERA 200 μ L sub culture OD600 = 0.977.
- KERA 300 μ L sub culture OD600 = 1.032.
- KERUS 100 μ L sub-culture OD600 = 0.825
- KERUS 200 μ L sub-culture OD600 = 0.847.
- KERUS 300 μ L sub-culture OD600 = 0.907.
- KERA overnight OD600 = not measured
- KERUS overnight OD600 = not measured.

② 10mL from each of the above cultures transferred into new falcon tubes

Mar 18/16 - 1:00pm - O. Newlan

Calculation for volume of IPTG required for 10 mL of LB broth:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{IPTG} & & \text{LB-broth} \\ C_1 V_1 & = & C_2 V_2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (100\text{mM}) & (?) = & (0.5\text{mM}) (10\text{mL}) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & (100\text{mM}) \end{array}$$

$$= 0.05\text{mL or } 50\mu\text{L}$$

from 100mM stock

③ Insert 50 μL of IPTG into each 10mL culture.

④ portion out clumps of hair with a mass of 0.08 g.

$$0.075\text{g} - 0.08\text{g}$$

Tie each clump of hair into a knot (2-3 knots are required to keep hair together).

⑤ Place one knot of hair into each 10mL culture.

① Ker A 100 μL

② Ker A 200 μL

③ Ker A 300 μL

④ Ker US 100 μL

⑤ Ker US 200 μL

⑥ Ker US 300 μL

⑦ Ker A overnight

⑧ Ker US overnight

⑨ LB-only

⑩ JM109 - no^{ker} plasmid

Use an inoculating loop (flame sterilized between each addition) to push hair bundle into culture.

- ⑥ pipette 50 μ L of the 100mM stock solution
- ⑥b Photograph EACH tube - Before Image
- ⑦ Place in incubator at 37°C overnight.

March 19th 2016 - 8:45-9:30am - Alina Arvisais

Objective: Record results from qualitative hair digestion test.

Results: No hair was degraded in any of the cultures. Pictures were taken to compare with yesterday's but if there was any degradation it was very minimal.

- ① Returned cultures to incubator at 37°C to leave for two more days (until next Monday morning).

April 22nd 2016 - 9:15 - 9:30am Naoto, Isayama

Objective: Make 500ml LB broth, aliquot in 10 50ml containers.

Results: Successfully made 500ml of LB broth aliquoted in 10 50ml containers.

Group: Josh L., Nicholas S.

① Weigh out and add the following into a 1L glass bottle or Erlenmeyer flask:

- 5g Tryptone
- 2.5g Yeast Extract
- 5g NaCl
- ~~- 7.5g agar~~

② Add distilled water to 500ml. The bottle must remain half empty to prevent the liquid from boiling over in the autoclave.

③ Mix by swirling. Don't expect all solid powder to dissolve, but make sure that none gets stuck to the sides.

④ Cover with aluminium foil and secure it with autoclave tape. The cover must be loose enough to prevent pressure from building inside the bottle during autoclaving.

⑤ Autoclave for 20 min at a pressure of about 15 psi.

⑥ Remove from autoclave and allow it to cool to about 55°C .

April. 22. 2016. 9:30 - 9:45 am, Acacia

Objective: make 500 mL LB agar for
20-25 LB agar plates.

Results: Successfully made 500 mL of LB
agar.

Group: Maria B. Acacia M. Jadon D
OBJECTIVE - Make 500 mL.

Protocol:

1. Weigh and add:

5g tryptone

2.5g Yeast

5g NaCl

7.5g agar

into a 1L glass bottle/Erlenmeyer flask.

2. Add distilled water to 500 mL.

Bottle must remain half empty to prevent
the liquid from boiling over in the
autoclave.

3. Mix by swirling. Make sure none gets
stuck to the sides of the bottle.

4. Cover the top with aluminum foil and secure it with autoclave tape. Cover must be loose enough to prevent pressure from building inside the bottle during autoclaving.

5. Autoclave for 20 min at 15 psi.

6. Remove from autoclave and allow to cool to $\approx 55^{\circ}\text{C}$.

APR. 22/16 - Sasa, Chacey, Blaise, Olivia, Lisa

OBJECTIVE: Miniprep KERUS plasmids

1. Grew overnight KERUS cultures (A+B).
2. Followed the OMEGA EZNA MINIPREP KIT protocol,
Except: Step 14 - We did NOT add Elution Buffer
we did 100 μ L of sterile, deionized H₂O.
3. Stored 4 miniprep tubes (2 from each colony)
of plasmid DNA @ -20°C.

Troubleshoot

- 30ml gel.
- pH THE = (7)
- try 2 of miniprep tubes
- try 75mV, not 90.

Next time, use 50 mL of TAE, 0.5g agarose.

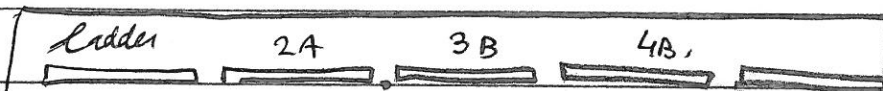
APR. 22/16 - Gel Electrophoresis

OBJECTIVE: Check plasmid DNA from miniprep today

1. Mixed 75mL of 1x TAE buffer with 0.75g of agarose powder in a 250mL Erlenmeyer.
2. Place flask in microwave, microwave on high for 1 minute, pausing every 10-15s to give flask a few swirls. Repeat until agarose dissolves.
3. Allow agarose to cool until warm but not hot to touch.
4. Add 7.5 μ L RedSafe nucleic acid stain to agarose when cool.
5. Pour into electrophoresis mold (add combs!) and allow to set completely.

WELL LOADING:

- 1A - 10 μ L DNA + 2 μ L loading dye
- 2A 8 μ L DNA + 2 μ L loading dye
- 3B 6 μ L DNA + 2 μ L loading dye
- 4B 6 μ L DNA + 2 μ L loading dye



PROTOCOL FOR MAKING SKIM MILK PLATES:

PROTOCOL #1:

1. Dissolved 5g skim milk powder into 125mL dH₂O
Stir well w magnetic mixer.
2. Make 125mL LB-agar according to guidebook protocol.
3. First - autoclave the 125mL LB agar for 25min.
4. While LB agar cools, autoclave milk → heated only about 10 min (reached just below green zone)
5. When cool, add 2.5μL Amp to the LB-agar
6. Add skim milk to LB-Amp agar, swirl.
7. Pour plates.

↳ Plates looked very good - opaque - white, no solids.

* Allowed one "Sterile" plate to sit over the weekend @ room temp

PROTOCOL #2 - Skim milk plates.

1. Dissolve 5g skim milk powder into the rest of the ingredients from LB-agar protocol - total volume = 250mL.
2. Autoclave entire mixture 25 min.
3. When cooled, add 2.5 μ L Amp.
4. Pour plates, let solidify.

↳ Autoclaved milk/agar mix had many solid, white chunks floating in it (appeared to be curdled milk). As plates solidified, these chunks settled to BOTTOM.

→ possibly agar mixture is too acidic?

→ possible the autoclaving is cooking milk.

May 6th 2016 — Gel Electrophoresis

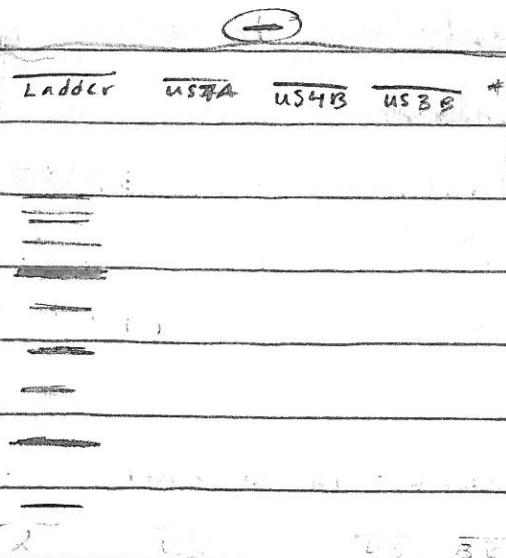
Josh, Alina, Nasto, Acacia

- ① Prepared gel according to geekstarter protocol (but scaled down to 40 ml.)
- ② Added 2 μ l loading buffer/dye to 8 μ l DNA of each:
 - ① DNA Ladder
 - ② Ker US 1A
 - ③ Ker US 4B
 - ④ Ker US 3B

from april 22rd workshop

There were some issues loading the gel, with some of the DNA bubbling out of the wells, which is why the third KerUS sample was used (opposed to the original plan of just two).

- ④ Results are as follows: Ladder showed nicely, but no bands could be seen in any of the other wells.



* there were more empty wells in the gel on the right side

All pictures will be uploaded to the lab results folder on google drive/linked in the classroom)

May 10th 2016 — Antibiotic Stocks (amp) and Overnight Cultures
Talia D., Alina A., and Mrs. P.

Objectives: 1) prepare new ampicillin antibiotic stocks
2) and prepare overnight cultures (2 each of KerA, KerUS, and JM109).

Objective 1

① New ampicillin stocks were prepared according to the geekstarter guidebook protocol.

Results: due to some spilling from the filter only 9 1.0mL stock solutions were created (compared to the usual 10)

Objective 2

① Prepared overnight cultures according to the geekstarter guidebook protocol. However, the amount of LB and antibiotic solution was doubled to produce 10 mL cultures, instead of 5mL cultures.

② Six cultures were prepared:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 JM109-C7 (from Feb 28 th plate #2) | 4 Ker A - C3 (from April 11 th) |
| 2 JM109-C8 (from Feb. 23 rd plate #2) | 5 Ker US - C2 (from March 18 th) |
| 3 Ker A - C2 (from April 11 th) | 6 Ker US - C1 (from March 18 th) |

Results: Both KerUS cultures looked cloudy and JM109-C7 looks cloudy, but everything else was clear.
OD600 measurements are recorded in the next entry.

May 11th 2016 — Beginning the Hair Degradation Assay
Alina A. Talia O, Maria B, Acacia M

Objective: begin the hair degradation assay for the biotreks research paper

① Measured the OD600 from all cultures from May 10

KerUS-C2 \rightarrow 0.929 JM109-C8 \rightarrow 0.016

KerUS-C1 \rightarrow 0.567 KerA-C2 \rightarrow 0.001

JM109-C7 \rightarrow 0.843 KerA-C3 \rightarrow 0.033

② Added 100 μ L of 100 mM solution of IPTG.

③ Dried the hair with a hair dryer (at 64°C) and added 0.05g of hair into the KerUS C1+C2, and JM109 C7 cultures. The 3 remaining cultures were placed back in the incubator in the hopes of having KerA to re-plate.

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May 14th 2016 — Lethbridge Lab Workshop

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(not all = good)

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Prepared 4 mini-preps:

① KerUS 1

② KerUS 2

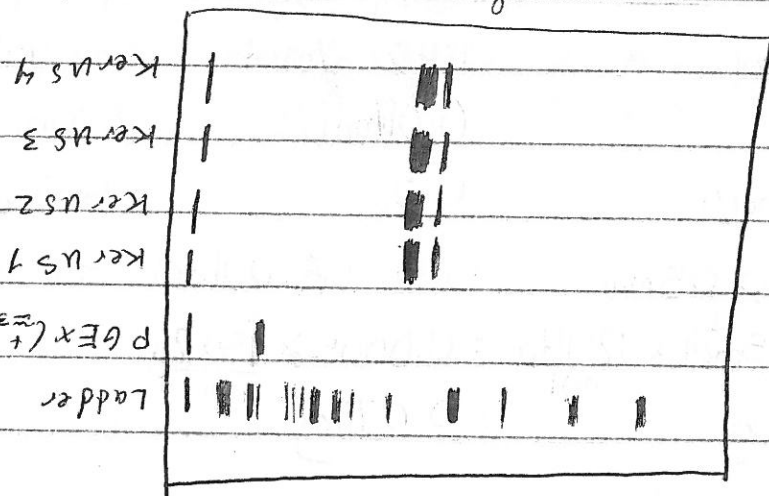
③ KerUS 3

④ KerUS 4

② Followed the gel electrophoresis from the spring 2016
geekstarter synthetic Biology workshop.

Layout of the gel was as follows:

LC 1 2 3 4
did twice one
exploded over



* KerUS 3
was put into gel
twice, because
the first time it
bubbled from
the well.

May 11th 2016 — Beginning the Hair Degradation Assay
Alina A, Talia D, Maria B, Acacia M

Objective: begin the hair degradation assay for the biotrek research paper

① Measured the OD600 from all cultures from May

KerUS-C2 \rightarrow 0.929 JM109-C8 \rightarrow 0.016

KerUS-C1 \rightarrow 0.567 Ker A-C2 \rightarrow 0.001

JM109-C7 \rightarrow 0.843 Ker A-C3 \rightarrow 0.033

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Prepared 4 mini-preps:

① $\ker u_S = 1$

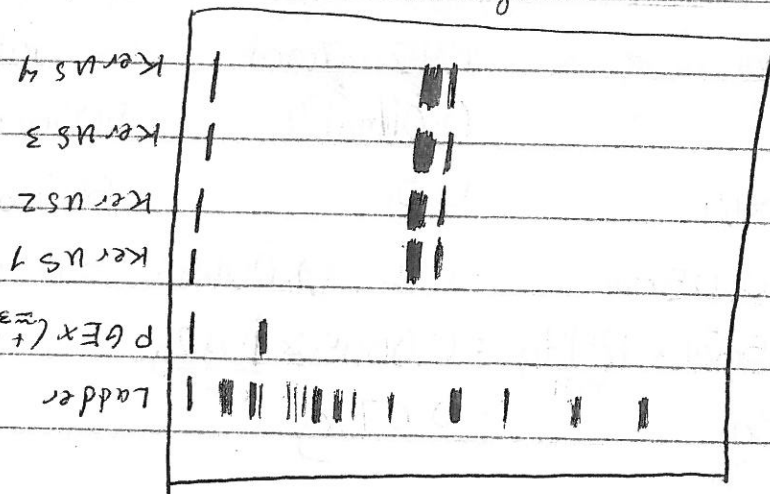
(2) Ker $U_S = Z$

③ $\ker u_3$

④ Kerus 4

② Followed the gel electrophoresis from the spring 2016 geekstarter synthetic biology workshop.

Layout of the gel was as follows:



* Ker US 3
was put into gel
twice, because
the first time it
bubbled from
the well.

May 15th 2016 - Lethbridge Lab workshop

Freya M, Maria B, Acacia M, Nick S, Naoto I, Olivia N,
(Dora = Mentor)

Objectives: Lysing KERUS overnight cells for use in SDS page gel in afternoon

when we dilute DH5α we put amp in all of them.

① O/N KERUS/KERA + DH5α ctrl

② dilute 1/100 and add IPTG at 1mM (or add H₂O

KERUS C4 - IPTG

KERUS C4 - H₂O

KERUS C8 - IPTG

KERUS C8 - H₂O

DH5α1 - IPTG

DH5α2 - IPTG

DH5α1 - H₂O

DH5α2 - H₂O

one IPTG
one H₂O

only 1 culture accidentally extra tubes

③ Incubate at 37° for 3-6 hours

↳ started @ 9:46 → start lysing @ 12:46

④ ~~Spin at 7000 RPM for 2 min~~, add lysis buffer

lysing the DH5α overnight culture not diluted because used AMP in dilution

Lysis Buffer: Dithiothreitol

Tris:

DTT:

Lysosyme:

121.4g/mol

154.26g/mol

1mg/ml

0.5L

0.001mol/L

500ml × 1mg

0.05mol/L

0.5L

= 500mg / 1000

0.5L × 0.05mol

0.5L × 0.001mol

= 0.500g

= 0.025mol × 121.4g/mol

= 0.0005mol × 154.2g/mol

= 3.03g

= 0.077g

TTTTT

KERUS C4 IPTG

KERUS C4 H₂O

KERUS C3/C5 IPTG

KERUS C3/C5 H₂O

DH5α overnight culture

Spun 1.5 mL

of each

2x

↳ make bigger pellet

⑤ shake for 30 mins in fridge
freeze/thaw liquid nitrogen & 40°C - 42°C water bath x2

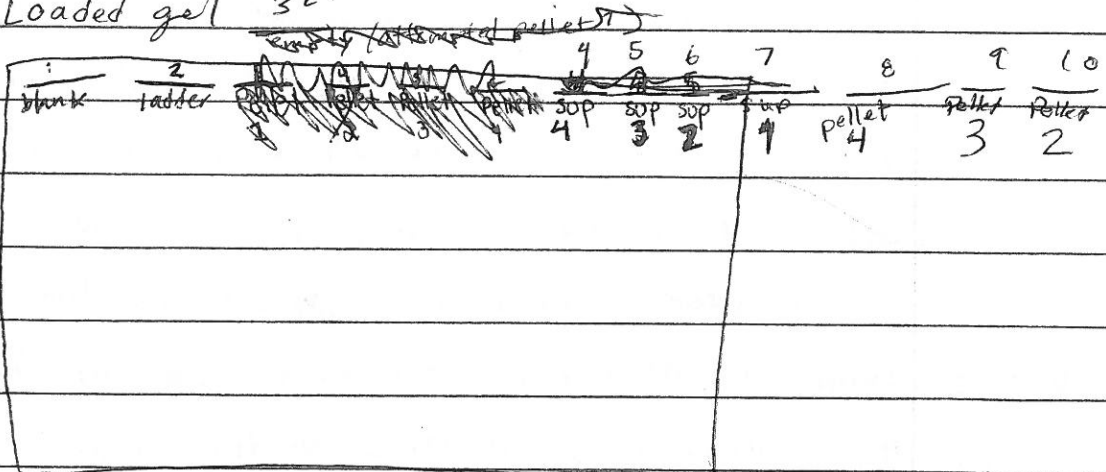
⑥ centrifuge at 7000 RPM for 2 min x 2
added 60 µl buffer, spin @ 7000 RPM for 2 min

8 tubes → 3 KERUS C4 IPTG → Super natant (sup) pellet
2 KERUS C3/C5 IPTG → sup pellet
1 KERUS C4 H₂O → sup pellet
4 KERUS C3/C5 H₂O → sup pellet

Added 5 mL 8M Urea to pellets

⑦ Added 3 µL stain to each sample

⑧ Loaded gel 3 pellet 1



⑨ Leftover supernatant was plated onto a skim milk plate (10 μ L of each sample). Was left at room temperature for the 4 hour bus ride, then incubated at 37°C.

* Return PH w HCl?
to neutral?

10 μ L

Monday May 16th 2016 — Finishing Hair Degradation Assay

Talia D., Alina A.

Purpose: collect results from the assay started on wednesday

- ① Pictures of all cultures were taken before any further steps.
- ② Tubes were centrifuged at 3,000 RPM for 6 minutes. This was done to cause the hair to pellet. Which made it easier to pour out the broth.
- ③ Hair was rinsed in 10% bleach. Bleach was poured out and clump of hair was placed in individual Petri dishes (using an inoculating loop)
- ④ Hair in Petri dishes was placed in the incubator at 37°C overnight to dry.

Results/Notes:

For future information:

- ① Not centrifuge the hair because it didn't do much and then it would be possible to measure the OD₆₀₀ at the end b/c cells would not be at the bottom.
- ② Would also rinse hair with water after bleach so that when everything dries there is no residue left.

③ hair removal was difficult so perhaps not be so concerned to remove as much bleach (or in the future, water).

An update on the skim milk plates:

No clearing could be seen at all, but some colonies could be seen growing, therefore the plates were left in the incubator for another day to hopefully see ~~the~~ some clearing tomorrow.

Cultures growing was also a bit weird because the only things that were plated were ~~the~~ from the superna from the lysis only, but because of the Amp on the plates, the cells would have to be anti-biotic resistant.

* also, there were some black "specs" found in all 3 tubes

* Some pink discoloration was seen in the two kerus tubes

Tuesday May 17th 2016 — Weighing Hair + Skim Milk Plates

Talia D., Alina A.

Objective: measure the plates of dried hair and check on the skim milk plates

- ① Hair + plates were weighed and data was recorded
- ② Checked on skim milk plate and took pictures of that and the hair.

Results:

Skim Milk: We saw some clearing today around the kerUS C4-IPTG supernatant and a tiny bit of clearing was seen by the kerUS C5-H₂O. They were kept in the incubator overnight again.

Hair:

Culture	Mass of Plate	Mass of Hair + Plate	Mass of Hair (calculated)
KerUS C1	17.54g	17.58g	0.04g
KerUS C2	17.85g	17.90g	0.05g
JH109 C7	17.92g	17.97g	0.05g

Only one culture showed a change (decrease) in the mass of hair but that was likely due to losing some hair along the way and not ^{a strong} indication of hair degradation. Also was not mentioned yesterday, but the KerUS tubes were pink-ish (but started white like the JH109 tube).

Thursday May 19th 2016 - ~~a~~ Culturing KerUS + JM109

Objectives: culture some KerUS + JM109 with LB-broth to dilute + induce and plate on skim milk plates tomorrow.

Note:

everything
done with
a flame/
aseptically

① Added 5 μ L of Amp stock solution to 5 mL of LB-broth.

② Plucked single colonies from one KerUS plate and one JM109 plate:

① May 6/16 - KerUS Mar 18th re-streak ~ C3

② Feb 23/16 - LB only - JM109 - Bio labs ~ C8

③ Placed in the incubator at 37°C overnight.

Results (from Friday morning): Both cultures grew and are very cloudy. We won't measure OD₆₀₀ as we're just going to dilute and grow them up again for 3-6 more hours.

Friday May 20th 2016 — Skim Milk Plate Assay

Chasey K., Nick S., Talia D., Alina A.

objectives: dilute and induce cultures of
KerUS + JM109

① Labelled 6 tubes and added 5mL LB to each:

1 KerUS C3 - IPTG 4 KerUS C4 - H₂O

2 KerUS C3 - H₂O 5 JM109 C8 - H₂O

3 KerUS C4 - IPTG 6 JM109 C8 - IPTG

② Added 5μL of amp to all KerUS culture tubes,
then 50μL IPTG to the three "IPTG" cultures,
then 50μL H₂O to the "H₂O" cultures.

③ 1:100 dilution of cultures from yesterday,
so added 50μL of each culture from yesterday
to the new tubes with 5mL LB.

① adding 1mL of C3 and C4 and 10μL of iptg

② place in freezer

① dipped inoculating loop in KerUS C4 and
streaked onto 2 LB Amp plates.

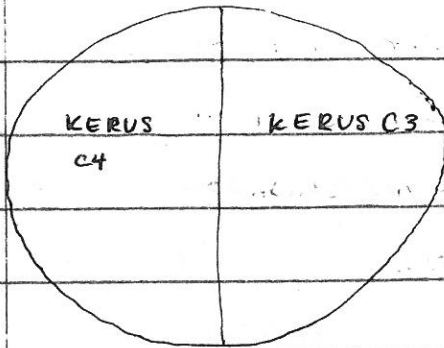
② incubated at 37°C

① Plated 10 μ l of each culture onto

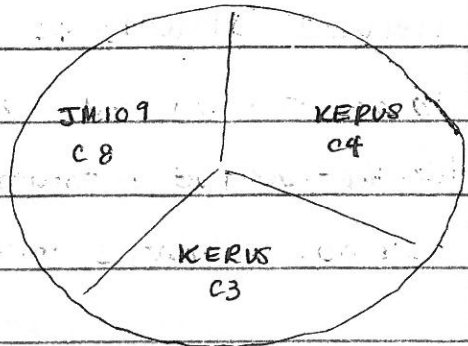
Skim milk AMP plates

Note:

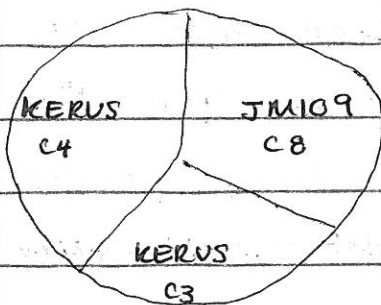
the frozen
cultures
were
warmed
up in
a water
bath
around
 38°C



Frozen



H₂O



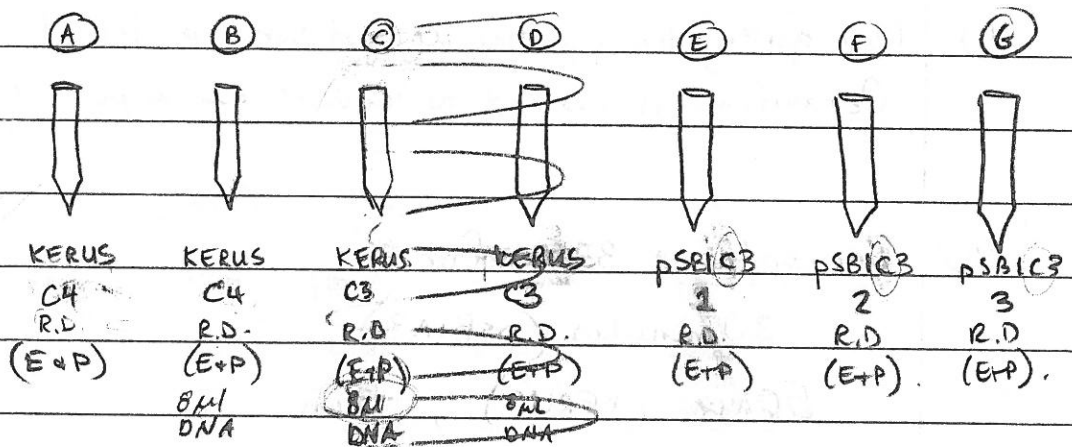
IPTG

② Placed ^{all plates} in the incubator at 37°C .

JUNE 2, 2016: J.P,

OBJECTIVE: Restriction digest of frozen KERUS plasmids isolated from Lethbridge May 14th miniprep. Digested DNA to be a) run on a gel electrophoresis to confirm plasmid size and b) be ligated with linearized iGEM plasmid backbones for biobrick assembly + part submission.

① Label following small (PCR) tubes:



② Thaw (on ice) the plasmid DNA tubes, 10x restriction buffer. Homogenize contents by flicking gently. Collect all liquid in bottom of tube by flicking gently. KEEP RESTRICTION ENZYMES ON ICE AT ALL TIMES!

③ Pipette the following into each tube (A-F), in the order listed: (total vol = 20 μ L)

- 6 μ L sterile dH₂O
- 10 μ L plasmid DNA (Ker or pSB1C3) ^{25 ng/ μ L}
- 2 μ L 10x restriction buffer - NEB2.1
- 1 μ L Restriction enzyme 1 (EcoRI-HF)
- 1 μ L Restriction enzyme 2 (PstI)

④ Mix gently by pipetting up & down a few times.
Centrifuge if needed to collect all liquid @ bottom.

⑤ Incubate @ 37°C for:
30 minutes (pSB1A3) }
50 min (KERUS), then:

⑥ Incubate @ 80°C in PCR machine for 20 min
to de-nature restriction enzymes.

⑦ Store restriction digests in freezer until ligation
or gel electrophoresis.

Wds: < PSTI- NEB 3.1
EcoRI-HF Cutsman

Neb 2.1.

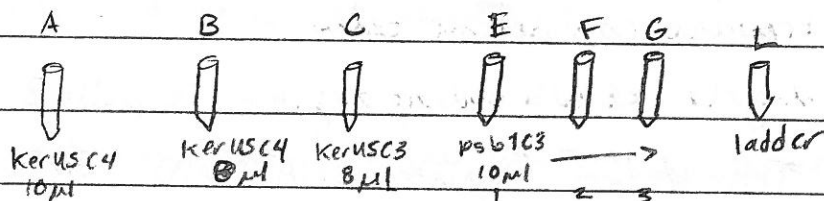
- ⑧ Aliquot 10 μ L of KERUS C3
10 μ L of KERUS C4
10 μ L of pBIC3 } to freezer for gel.

Friday June 3rd 2016: gel to confirm restriction digest

Objective: Confirm the restriction digest from yesterday (see lab book entry).

- ① Prepared gel by adding 4mL of 10xTAE to 36mL of dH₂O. (in a graduated cylinder)
- ② Pour the 1xTAE buffer into an erlenmeyer flask.
- ③ Weigh out 0.4g agarose and add it to the flask.
- ④ Place in microwave for 1 minute, removing every 10-15 seconds to swirl.
- ⑤ Assemble gel cassette by sealing off the gel tray with tape and place comb in proper location.
- ⑥ When the agarose solution is sufficiently clear add 4 μ L RedSAFE and mix by swirling (avoid forming air bubbles).
- ⑦ Pour into gel cassette and wait to solidify
- ⑧ Prepare DNA sample in a clean microcentrifuge tube by mixing:
 - 2 μ L Loading Buffer
 - ↓
 - 10 μ L DNA from restriction digest

Create Samples for:



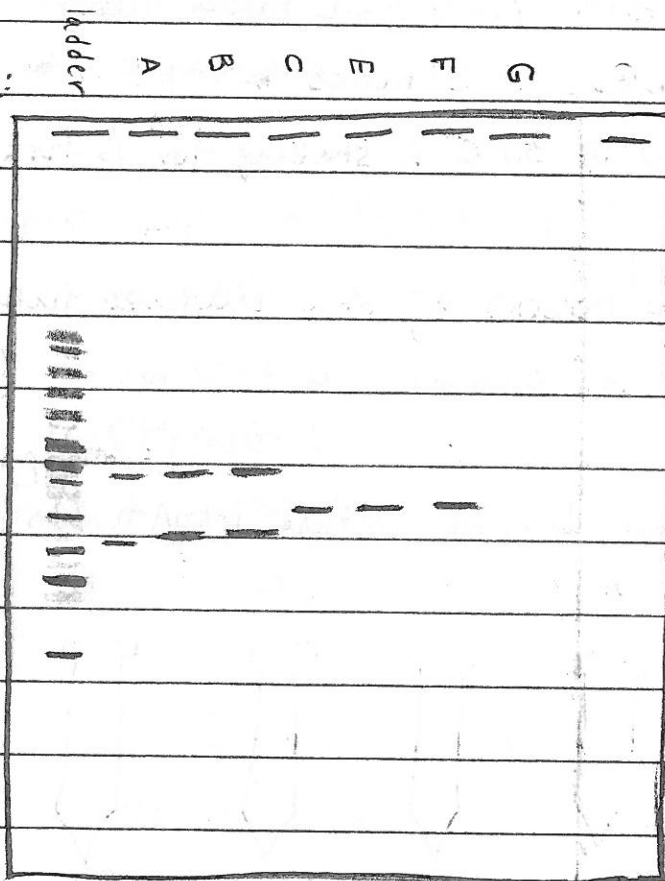
⑨ Fill tank for electrophoresis with 1xTAE buffer.

⑩ Load DNA samples into the wells.

(RECORD which sample went into which well)

⑪ Begin running the gel for 1hr+30 minutes at 100V.

Results:



Used anresco ladder
 KB

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016.

FULL DAY LAB PLAN:

- ① Prepare competent cells
- ② Ligate KERUS coding region to pBIC3 backbone
- ③ Transform ligation DNA into JM109 E.col

PART ① - PREPARATION OF COMPETENT JM109:

7:45am:

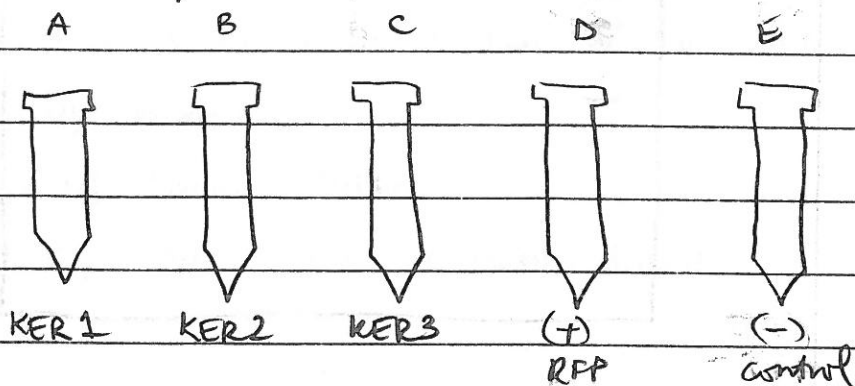
- ✓ ① Take overnight JM109 culture tube, and transfer 0.1 mL (or 100 μ L) of the culture into 10 mL of LB broth (in a 15 mL falcon tube).
* Repeat \times 3 tubes *
Grow @ 37°C w shaking for 3 hrs.

10:45am:

- ✓ ② Check OD600 of one culture tube. Optimal level is OD600 = 0.4-0.6.

11:50am: appendage

- ③ Transfer 500 μ L culture into tubes labelled:



- ✓ (4) Spin down the 6 tubes @ 7000 rpm for 2-3 min.
Discard the supernatant.
- ✓ (5) Add another 50 μ L culture to tubes A-E.
Spin down again @ 7000 rpm for 2-3 min.
Discard the supernatant. x2
- ✓ (6) Resuspend each pellet in 500 μ L Sterile, 50mM CaCl_2 . (Pipette up + down to resuspend).
Spin down again to get a pellet, and discard supernatant.
- ✓ (7) Re-suspend cells in 100 μ L of 50mM CaCl_2 .
Place immediately on ice, wait to Transform!

NOTES or CHANGES:

- OD600 was 0.461
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-

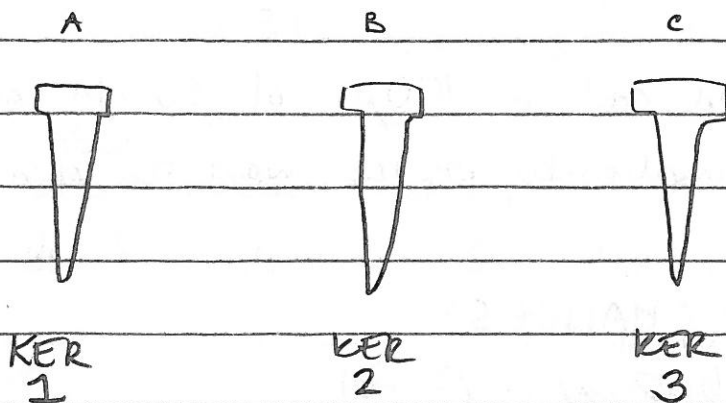
PART 2 - LIGATION of KERUS to pSBIC3.

9:30am

- ✓ ① Thaw ligase enzyme and ligase buffer ON ICE!
Also thaw KERUS and pSBIC3 R. digests from
June 3rd. keep on ice!!

- ✓ ② Rehydrate RFP (+) control from kit plate ^{into PCR tube} Keep on ice
plate: 2016 plate 6 well: 12P
part #: J04450. > Label Tube 1

- ✓ ③ Label 3 sterile PCR tubes as follows:



- ✓ ④ Into each tube:
(in this order):
- 3 μ L sterile dH₂O
 - 3 μ L KERUS DNA
 - 2 μ L pSBIC3 DNA
 - 1 μ L 10x ligation buffer
 - 1 μ L T4 DNA ligase enzyme

- ✓ ⑤ Mix gently by pipetting up + down. Can spin/flick briefly to collect all liquid.
- ✓ ⑥ Incubate all tubes (NOT tube D!!) at room temp for 1 hour.
- ✓ ⑦ Incubate ^{all tubes A-C} in PCR machine @ 80°C for 20 min.
- ✓ ⑧ Store tubes A-C on ice until ready to transform.

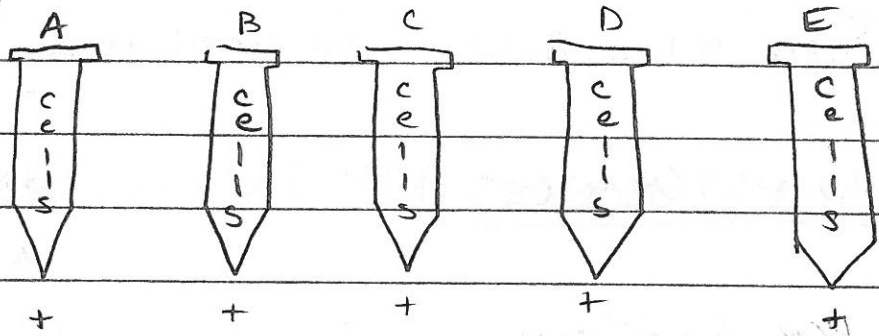
NOTES / CHANGES:

- PCR for 35 min.

PART 3 - TRANSFORMATION:

- ① Get competent cell aliquots labelled A-E.
Thaw slowly on ice until liquid. Turn over gently to mix!

- ② Add 5 μ L ligation mix to each tube as follows:



Add	Add	Add	Add	Add
Tube A (KER1)	Tube B (KER2)	Tube C (KER3)	RFP DNA (rehydrated from kit)	<u><u>NO</u></u> DNA

- * Mix tubes gently by flicking.
- * Put REST of ligation mix in FREEZER RIGHT AWAY!

- ✓ ③ Incubate on ice for 30 min. (Tubes A-E).
- ✓ ④ Incubate at 37°C - water bath - for 5 min.
- ✓ ⑤ Place immediately back on ice for 5 min.
- ✓ ⑥ Add 200 μ L sterile LB broth to each tube (A-E), and mix gently by tapping tube.
- ⑦ Incubate @ 37°C, w gentle rocking, for 2 hours (or until 3:00pm). Meanwhile...
- ✓ ⑧ Warm up 7 Chlor plates, ^{room temp} and label them:
- plate 1: Ligation A 200 μ L.
 - plate 2: Ligation A 20 μ L.
 - plate 3: Ligation B 200 μ L
 - plate 4: Ligation B 20 μ L
 - plate 5: Ligation C 200 μ L
 - plate 6: Ligation C 20 μ L.
 - plate 7: RFP Control / (-) control. } Divide plate in 1/2, label each half.
- ⑨ Plate out as indicated, incubate overnight.
(wrap in parafilm).

June 23rd 2016 - MiniPCR Hrs. P, Necto, Acacia, Alin

① Transferred 2x 700 μ L into a microcentrifuge tube.

1 - KerUS Biobrick #1 3 - KerUS Biobrick #3

2 - KerUS Biobrick #2 4 - KerUS Biobrick #4

② Centrifuged for $\frac{10}{2}$ minutes. Poured off supernatant.

③ Repeated steps 1-2 w/ 700 μ L more of culture

new 12

old 34

Friday Sept 23rd

Objective #5: Qualitative Hair/Feather Assay of Biobrick VS. Controls

1. Obtain the following cell culture tubes from Objective 4 above:

a. 50 μ L KERUS overnight + 5 mL LB broth +

2.5 μ L chlor + 50 μ L IPTG stock

b. Same as tube "a"

c. 50 μ L KERUS overnight + 5 mL LB broth +

2.5 μ L chlor + 50 μ L dH₂O

d. Same as tube "c"

e. 50 μ L JM109 overnight + 50 mL LB broth

+ 50 μ L IPTG stock

f. Same as tube "e"

g. 50 μ L JM109 overnight + 50 mL LB

broth + 50 μ L dH₂O

h. Same as tube "g"

Set up the following Empty Falcon tubes:

Tube J	Tube K	Tube L	Tube M	Tube N	Tube C
2.5 ml from tube "b"	2.5 ml from tube "b"	2.5 ml from tube "a"	2.5 ml from tube "d"	2.5 ml from tube "d"	2.5 ml from tube "c"
(induced KERUS cells)	(induced KERUS cells)	(induced KERUS cells)	(non-induced KERUS)	(non-induced KERUS)	(non-induced KERUS)
+ Nothing	+ Feathers	+ Hair	+ Nothing	+ Feathers	+ Hair

Tube P	Tube Q	Tube R	Tube S	Tube T	Tube U
2.5 ml from tube "f"	2.5 ml from tube "f"	2.5 ml from tube "e"	2.5 ml from tube "h"	2.5 ml from tube "h"	2.5 ml from tube "g"
(induced JM109 cells)	(induced JM109 cells)	(induced JM109 cells)	(non-induced JM109)	(non-induced JM109)	(non-induced JM109)
+ Nothing	+ Feathers	+ Hair	+ Nothing	+ Feathers	+ Hair

Objective #3

Qualitative assay of Keratinase Activity -

Without cell Lysis: = about 30 minutes

(Plating live cells)

not induced

1. Grow overnight biobrick cultures in LB-chlor broth (5mL) tubes.

2. Also grow overnight cultures of plasmid-less JM109 e.coli cells as a control

3. In the morning, take a skim milk/chlor plate as shown in diagram below:

4.

① Skim milk + chlor

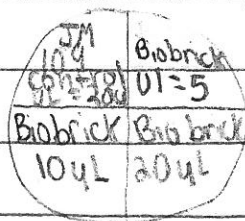
② Skim milk plate only

③ Skim milk + chlor + IPTG 10 μ L

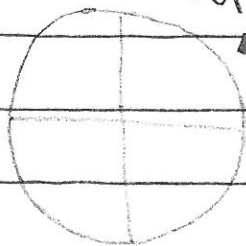
④ Skim milk only + 10 μ L of IPTG stock (Let dry)

Keep the plated cell culture in a "small pool" in the centre of each quadrant and do not jostle the plate or blend. Let grow overnight at room temp or in incubator

40 μ L 100mM IPTG/plate



repeat



Objective #4

Qualitative assay of Keratinase Activity - With cell Lysis = 2 hours

Cell Lysis protocol, to obtain supernatant

1. Grow overnight cell cultures for both biobrick parts, and JM109 control cells.

2. The following morning, sub-culture 8 tubes as follows:

a. 50 μ l KERUS overnight + 5 mL LB broth + 2.5 μ l chlor + 50 μ l IPTG stock

b. Same as tube "a"

c. 50 μ l KERUS overnight + 5 mL LB broth + 2.5 μ l chlor + 50 μ l dH₂O

d. Same as tube "c"

e. 50 μ l JM109 overnight + 5 mL LB broth + 50 μ l IPTG Stock

f. Same as tube "e"

g. 50 μ l JM109 overnight + 5 mL LB broth + 50 μ l dH₂O

h. Same as tube "g"

3. Incubate cultures at 37°C, with shaking, for 3-4 hours

4. Add 1.5 mL of each of the A-H tubes to a 1.5 mL eppendorf tube.

KEEP REST OF TUBE CONTENTS FOR OBJECTIVE #5

5. Spin down at 3000 rpm, to obtain a cell pellet. Discard supernatant

6. Add another 1.5 mL of the subculture, and spin down again to obtain a larger pellet. Discard Supernatant

7. Create the following lysis buffer:

a. stir 0.30g of Tris into 50 ml of ddH₂O.

b. refrigerate for 1 hour

c. add 0.008g of DTT and 0.25mL of lysozyme solution

d. stir gently

8. Add 60 μ L of the lysis buffer to each of the microcentrifuge tubes

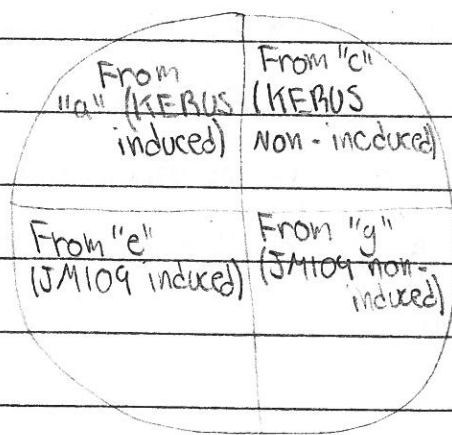
9. Shake tubes in fridge for 30 minutes (or on ice, on shaker table)

10. Place tubes in fridge for 3 minutes, then thaw at 42°C for 3 min (use water bath). Repeat 6 times.

11. Centrifuge tubes again for 2 minutes at 7000 rpm

12. Save Supernatant of each tube. This should contain the KERUS lysed from cells

13. Plate 10 μ L of each of the Supernatants on skim milk agar plates as follows: (repeat on 2 plates)



Take care to keep the plated cell culture in a small "pool" in the center of each quadrant, and do not disturb the plate or blend the drops.

Let grow at room temp, or in incubator

Cell Lysis Protocol:

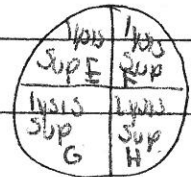
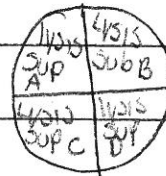
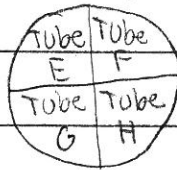
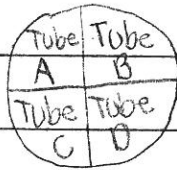
1. Grow overnight colonies of 5mL K12 in 500 μ L Chlor and 5mL LB and a control of 5mL DH5 α with no Amp and 5mL LB
2. The next morning, prepare eight falcon tubes labeled A-H:
 - A, B; (X2) K12 500 μ L overnight culture + 5mL LB + 50 μ L of chlor + 50 μ L IPTG
 - C, D; (X2) K12 500 μ L + 5mL LB + 50 μ L of chlor + 50 μ L H₂O
 - E, F; (X2) 5mL LB + 50 μ L IPTG
 - G, H; (X2) 5mL LB + 50 μ L H₂O + JM109
3. Incubate cultures for 3.75 hours at 37°C
4. Add 1.5mL of each of the A-H tubes to a 1.5mL Centrifuge tubes
5. Spin tubes for 2 minutes at 7000 RPM
 - Repeat 2X, after pouring off the supernatant, and adding 1.5mL for a bigger pellet
6. Add 60 μ L of lysis buffer to tubes (see below for lysis buffer protocol)
7. Put tubes on ice in incubator
8. Place the tubes on dry ice for 3min then thaw the tubes in the water bath for 3mins at 42°C for 3mins
 - Repeat 6X

9. centrifuge tubes for 2 mins at 7000 RPM
10. Take supernatants off the pellets and place supernatants into more centrifuge tubes
11. Add 5 μ L of urea to the pellets for use in an SDS page, protein gel.

Lysis buffer protocol

1. Add and stir 3.05g of tris into 500ml of deionization and deionized water
2. Refrigerate for one hour
3. Add 0.077g of DTT and 0.50g of lysozyme to the water of the solution.

LB AMP-SKM milk plating on SKM milk plates



→ Most cloudy of pair of tubes for cultures
 plating 100 μ L of broth culture and supernatants
 Tubes:

A → KERUS, LB, chlor, IPTG

* A+B seeped together

B → KERUS, LB, chlor, IPTG

C → KERUS, LB, chlor, H₂O

* E+F combined

D → KERUS, LB, chlor, H₂O

Gmored close maybe plated
 too much liquid culture, normally
 Plate 200 μ L...

E → JM109, LB, IPTG

F → JM109, LB, IPTG

G → JM109, LB, H₂O

H → JM109, LB, H₂O

Plate 50 μ L Lysis Sup (as we learned 100 is too
 much)